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SUBJECT:KUWAITI INQUIRY ON STATUS OF DEEP SEA MINING
LEGISLATION

REF. KUWAIT 3615

1. REGARDING STATUS OF DEEP SEA MINING LEGISLATION
REFERRED TO PARAGRAPH 1 REFTTEL, AL-SAMMAK IS CORRECT
THAT BILL NUMBER H.R. 12988 IS ON HOUSE FLOOR AWAITING
ACTION. HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED THAT, DUE TO HEAVY
WORK SCHEDULE IN THE HOUSE, BILL WILL NOT BE ACTED ON
UNTIL MID JULY.

2. SENATE BILL NUMBER S. 2053 HAS PASSED SENATE ENERGY
COMMITTEE AND IS PENDING IN COMMERCE COMMITTEE WHERE
ACTION IS ALSO EXPECTED IN MID JULY. HOWEVER, OTHER
COMMITTEES INCLUDING FINANCE, PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRON-
MENT AND ARMED SERVICES MAY SEEK JURISDICTION
OVER S. 2053 THUS MAKING IT UNLIKELY THAT BILL COULD
PASS THE SENATE PRIOR TO THE AUGUST LOS SESSION.
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3. ALTHOUGH SEABED MINING LEGISLATION MAY NOT BE ENACTED
INTO LAW PRIOR TO AUGUST LOS SESSION IT SHOULD BE

EMPHASIZED TO AL-SAMMAK THAT LEGISLATION IS GAINING
MOMENTUM.

4. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S PRESS STATEMENT REQUESTED
PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL IS BEING REPEATED SEPTTEL. VANCE

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